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Coconut Cultivation
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the area under coconut cultivation in Madhya Pradesh;

(b) whether coconut cultivation is expanding in Madhya Pradesh, if so, the expected area of coconut cultivation in 2021-22 in the State;

(c) the present production and expected production of coconut in 2021-22; and

(d) the various steps taken by the Government to promote the cultivation of coconut in the entire country?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE

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(a): As per the latest information available with Department of Agriculture, Cooperation & Farmers Welfare, Ministry of Agriculture and Farmers Welfare, Coconut is not grown in the state of Madhya Pradesh as a commercial crop.

(b): Since coconut is not grown commercially in Madhya Pradesh, it is obvious that there are no plans for expansion of coconut cultivation in Madhya Pradesh.

(c): As per the latest data (2015-16), the present production of coconut in the country is 22171.11 Million nuts and the expected production by 2021-22 is 28303.5 Million nuts based on compound annual growth rate for the past ten years.

(d): Coconut Development Board is implementing various developmental schemes for promoting coconut cultivation in the country. The details of the schemes are given below:

? Production and distribution of good quality planting materials: Under this scheme; Farms for demonstration and seed production are being established in different parts of the country, Regional Coconut nurseries are being developed, Hybrid/dwarf seedlings are being distributed in Government and Private nurseries, Nucleus coconut seed Gardens are being developed, small coconut nurseries are also being developed.

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? Expansion of area under coconut: Government is extending necessary technical and financial support to the farmers for growing coconut.

? Integrated Framing for productive improvement: The basic objective of this scheme is to improve production and productivity of the coconut holding through an integrated approach. Besides this, Government is laying out demonstration plot, promoting the use of organic manure units etc.

? Replanting and rejuvenation of coconut gardens: the objective of this scheme is to enhance the productivity of coconut by providing remedial measures to remove the deceases, removing unproductiveness, replacement of old and senile palms and rejuvenating the remaining palm trees.

? Establishment of new coconut orchards.

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